



11 MARCH 2018
**FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT**



*Mothering
Sunday*

**ST JOSEPH'S &
ST EDMUND'S
CITY CENTRE
CATHOLIC PARISH
SOUTHAMPTON**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

STELLA MARIS DEANERY

INCLUDES:

- ST. BONIFACE, SHIRLEY
- HOLY FAMILY, MILLBROOK
- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL,
LORDSWOOD
- IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PORTSWOOD
- CHRIST THE KING &
ST. COLMAN'S, BITTERNE
- OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION,
HEDGE END
- ST BRIGID, WEST END
- ST. PATRICK'S, WOOLSTON
- THE ANNUNCIATION,
NETLEY ABBEY



THE SCRUTINIES—TO SEE AND BE THE LIGHT

The season of Lent is a time of purification and preparation for us all but also a time when the catechumens (those preparing for Baptism) and the candidates (those preparing for Reception into the Church) are called to scrutinise their lives in the light of the Gospel. This takes place in front of the community as a witness to this intense period of preparation and in order that those supporting them can vouch for their authenticity as they seek to join us at Easter. But these Scrutinies are not simply for those on this specific journey of faith, they are an opportunity for each of one of us to examine our Lenten commitment.

What are the 'Scrutinies'?

These are ancient rites, celebrated on the middle three Sundays of Lent, at liturgies where the Elect (the unbaptised) are present, which are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We are called to examine (scrutinise) the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We pray for the healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers.

Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey.

First of all, the Elect are instructed gradually about the mystery of sin, from which the whole world and every person longs to be delivered and thus saved from its present and future consequences. Second, their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water (Gospel of the Samaritan woman in the first Scrutiny), the light of the world (Gospel of the man born blind in the second Scrutiny), the resurrection and the life (Gospel of Lazarus in the third Scrutiny). From the first to the third Scrutiny the Elect should progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.

In the gospel, when questioned by the Pharisees regarding the healing of the blind man Jesus answered 'This man was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him'. In the letter to St John we read 'Everyone who does wrong, hates the light and avoids it, but the man who lives by truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Let us join our prayer with the Elect:

'Father of Mercy, you led the man born blind to the kingdom of light, through the faith of your son. Free these Elect from the false values that surround and blind them and set them firmly in your truth, children of light, forever. Amen.'

We are also called in the light of the Gospel to examine our lives for spiritual blindness; those times when we fail to recognise the light of Christ, and to be the light of Christ to others.

Tina Quinn

(Extracts from the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, prepared by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy and the Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops)

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK:

1. "The Lord God ... tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger ...but they despised his words..." (1st reading). Does God send messengers now? Can you give an example? What can you do to "open your door wider" so that all the messengers can get in?
2. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son ..." (Gospel). Are you one who will tell the world about this love? Name some ways (other than preaching) that you can do this.
3. Nicodemus had been searching quietly for God in his life (Gospel). According to Pope Francis, Jesus told Nicodemus that God was seeking Nicodemus first, loving him first and waiting for him to return love. Does that hold true for you/us too?

Vincent Harvey

TODAY: 11 MARCH 2018

RETIRING COLLECTION—Clergy Assistance Fund.

MOTHERING SUNDAY TODAY we give thanks and God's blessings for all Mothers, here on earth and in heaven.

WE KNEEL FOR THE PENITENTIAL RITE and use the 'Apostles Creed'.

SECOND SCRUTINY at 10am Mass for those soon to be Baptised and Received into Full Communion.

WELCOMING RITES: Mia and Christopher will be welcomed into the Parish during 11am Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm Sunday at St Edmund is led by members of the St Edmund Church 11am Mass Choir.



RECENTLY DIED: *Michele Burlone*, late of Allington Lane, Southampton. Funeral service 11am Friday 16 March in St Edmund Church followed by burial at Hollybrook Cemetery. *May his soul rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers.*

Kathleen Watts, late of Wilton Manor Nursing Home and South Front, Southampton. Reception into St Joseph Church 4pm Tuesday 20 March; funeral service 10:30am Wednesday 21 March. *May her soul rest in peace. Please keep her family in your prayers.*

THIS WEEK

FOR INFORMATION:

Mon Day off VH/RB.

Tue Hospital Call/PA Clergy meeting: VH/RB/AP
CIC meeting: VH

Wed Confessions St George RB/VH
Meeting Canon Paul Townsend: RB

Thur Various appointments: RB.
Beavers visit to St Edmund Church: RB
Study Day: VH

Fri Chapter Canons: VH
St George Mass: RB

Sat Various appointments: RB
Engaged Couples Bishop's House: VH

DEMENTIA PRAYER WEEK (12-19 March): Bishop David McGough writes: *"During this week we remember especially the often forgotten pain of those suffering with dementia, and those who care for them."*

PARISH THEME—MARCH: This month we consider and reflect upon 'peace in/with the Faith community': are we at peace with one another? Do we genuinely seek reconciliation with each other? Do we reach out to others in the Faith/Parish community? Do we support the development of the Parish? Do we encourage one another to deepen our faith?

SPRINGHILL will be joining us for 10am Mass Tuesday 13 March at St Edmund Church.

CATHEDRAL INNOVATION CENTRE meeting 7pm Tuesday 13 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

LUNCH CLUB 12 noon Wednesdays in Stella Maris Hall. Contact Anne Monaghan on 023 8017 0498 to join.

SOUP LUNCH 1pm in Stella Maris Hall Thursday 15 March in aid of CAFOD/ Christian Aid.

BEAVERS visit with Father Ross 6pm—7:15pm on Thursday 15 March in St Edmund Church.

POETRY GROUP—'PEACE' is the theme for the parish for this year, so why not come to listen to some poems about peace in St Joseph Church 7:15pm Thursday 15 March? You can bring a favourite of your own to read, or one you have composed, or just listen. All welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6:10pm on Fridays during Lent, let by the Young Adult Group in the Parish.

NEXT WEEKEND

WEDDING BELLS: Congratulations to *Cosmin Ciausiu & Ewa Wildner* who are getting married at 1:30pm Saturday 17 March in St Edmund Church. *May God bless them all the days of their lives.*



READERS TRAINING 4pm Saturday 17 March in St Edmund Church *for new readers only.*

'A TIME OF PRAYER AND ADORATION' *after 10am Mass Sunday 18 March at St Joseph Church.* Following on from the Our Lady of Guadalupe pilgrimage that took place in the parish. Do stay if you can.

NEXT WEEK

BAPTISM PREPARATION 7pm Tuesday 20 March in St Edmund's Hall for parents who have booked to have their children baptised in the Parish.

RICHARD ROHR GROUP meet 4pm Thursday 22 March in St Edmund Presbytery.

'PASSOVER MEAL' takes place at *St Joseph on Thursday, 22nd March at 7:15pm (for prompt start at 7.30pm).* Come along and experience a 'Seder Meal', and enjoy the company of others, and learn a little more of our Jewish faith roots. Tickets £10 (meal and wine). Tickets available after all Masses from this weekend or phone the parish office to book.

ST ANNE'S YEAR 11/6th FORM TRANSITION MASS 2:15pm Friday 23 March in St Edmund Church.

EU WELCOME INFO EVENING 6pm Friday 23 March in St Edmund Lodge.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS from 10am—12:30pm Saturday 24 March in the Stella Maris Centre, 48 Bugle Street, SO14 2AH. Please contact Soraya Tel: (Direct Dial) 023 9283 6511/023 9281 6396/023 9282 5430 or email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP 10:30am Saturday 24 March at St Anne's School for parents and candidates.

BRITISH SUMMERTIME clocks go forward an hour at 1am Sunday 25 March!

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSAL FOR HOLY WEEK: On Sunday 25 March at 4:30pm in St Edmund Church a rehearsal for all servers who intend to serve at the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday). We are blessed to have so many keen servers who come week in and week out. Holy Week is the 'climax' of our worshipping lives so please put your name on the 'serving list' for Holy Week, and come along to the practice.

APPEAL AT 9AM MASS SUNDAY 18 MARCH BY JORDAN KIBUUKA (a 16 year old parishioner currently studying at Peter Symonds College).

In July, Jordan will be travelling to a village in southern Uganda with a group of 15 other 16—18 year olds with a charity called **Project Embabazi**, where they hope to work with the local people to implement projects that encourage sustainable development.

This will involve improving the conditions of showers and toilets, whilst empowering the community to live healthier lives through projects such as the construction of a Health Centre.

They also aim to raise the standard of education provided to the village by not only supplying new and updated resources but by involving the schools with projects that hope to supplement their curriculum. This is a truly exciting opportunity, where he can make a difference for this community in Uganda.

He is currently fundraising to raise money to cover both the cost of the expedition and the community development projects. Each team member needs to raise £2,255 for their own costs. He will be appealing for our help and support in making this a possibility. *Jordan will be running some events in the parish in the near future to raise funds. Or visit the website justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jordan2uganda for more info/to make a donation. Thank you!*

GENERAL ITEMS

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: please note that our Holy Week Penitential Service (the last opportunity for Confession before Easter) will be on Monday 26 March, at 7:30pm in St Edmund. Make a note in your diary!

POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR MARCH: Evangelisation: Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MOYRA CLEARLIN who died in the early hours of Wednesday morning. May she rest in peace. Pray also for her daughter, Christine, and son Robin.

STATUE REPAIRS: Thank you to a parishioner, Theos, for paying to have the Sacred Heart and St Edmund statues repaired (St Edmund). Now we need to look at some of the statues in St Joseph Church!

CELEBRATE FAMILY WEEKEND 29/30 September at St George Catholic College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, SO16 3DQ. Speakers Geoff & Gina Poulter, Matt & Lucy Gwyn and David & Gio Payne. Book online at www.celebrateconference.org or phone 023 8029 2058.

REMINDER—200 CLUB FEES ARE NOW DUE (beginning of March). Please let the Parish Office know of any changes or if you would like to purchase additional numbers at £12 each. There are 12 draws a year and a chance of winning two cash prizes each month. This is a valuable fundraising initiative for the Parish. *Would you like to take over the managing of the fund with the aim of increasing membership? Contact Fr Vincent if you can help.*

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE takes place from 9:30am—5pm on Saturday 5 May at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth. Keynote speakers are Father Stephen Wang, Pippa Baker (Catholic missionary) and Bishop Philip. Youth 2000 Music Ministry will be in attendance. Includes Adoration and Mass. See noticeboards. Booking essential via congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LENT/EASTER 2018

ALTAR SERVERS, READERS, WELCOMERS, STEWARDS, EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS needed for Lenten Reconciliation and Triduum/Easter Masses in St Joseph and St Edmund.

BIG CLEAN & DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER helpers also needed.

Please add your name to the lists in the porches (Altar Servers list is in the Sacristy).

MASS LEAFLET STAPLERS please call at the Parish Office from Tuesday 20.3.18 if you would like to help.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRAIN TO BE A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER? DO YOU ALREADY HAVE A DEGREE? You can train

locally with the Primary Catholic Partnership either for a PGCE or through School Direct. Why not come along and find out more? **We will be holding a short open event at Springhill Catholic Primary, Milton Road Southampton SO15 2HW on Tuesday 20 March at 2:30pm.** As well as hearing about routes into teaching, there will be an opportunity to meet the PCP Director, current trainees, and teachers who have completed the course and are working in the Southampton area. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office on 023 8033 3954 or office@springhillcatholic.net

URGENT, TEMPORARY SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED for a father and his 12 year old son. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

'TO THE HEIGHTS' a retreat for young adults 16—35 years 27—29 April at St Jude's School, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1ND. Dynamic talks, creative workshops, friendship, Adoration and Worship, reconciliation and healing. Go to 'To the Heights' event page on Facebook, then follow the Eventbrite link. For more info contact Tom Sellars 01329 318869 (ext. 222) or youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk See noticeboards.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA? We are holding information sessions to help understand what it is like to live with dementia and the actions you can take. Hopefully after becoming more aware

we can promote our whole church community to become 'dementia friends'. Sessions will be held on:

- Sunday 15 April 12noon—1pm in St Edmunds Hall (after the 11am Mass)
- Thursday 26 April 6:30pm—7:30pm in the Stella Maris Centre
- Wednesday 2 May 7:45pm—8:45pm in St Edmund Hall (after 7pm Mass). You only need to attend one

This initiative is part of our hospitality and welcoming project to provide an unconditional welcome to all.

CAFOD / CARITAS CONFERENCE on our response to Refugees and Migrants 10am—4pm Saturday 12 May at St Edward the Confessor Church, Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DU. See noticeboards.

'ABLAZE IN THE TRUTH' SUMMER CAMP 2018 for ages 10—25 years takes place from 20—24 August 2018 in the New Forest. Email ftfcm1995@gmail.com or book online at www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk See noticeboards.

PLEASE KEEP ALL THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LISTS in your prayers, those recovering from operations and treatment and those who are sick.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 11 MARCH 2018

*(Church key to City Centre Catholic Masses below are SJ = St Joseph's Church, Bugle Street, SO14 2AH and SE = St Edmund's Church, The Avenue, SO17 1XJ)

SAT	10 MARCH	VIGIL MASSES	6:15PM SJ JAMES & GABRIELLE HALL RIP (F) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	11 MARCH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) 10:00AM SJ MARIA THERESA P. CRUZ RIP (MP) 11:00AM SE MOTHER'S DAY—MUM 100 & ALL MOTHERS—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA) 7:00PM SE MARIA LEGGITTIMO RIP (RO)
TUES	13 MARCH	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	10:00AM SE MICK BETTS RIP (PM)
WED	14 MARCH	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	6:30AM SE ALAN WEST 90TH BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (ANUSHKA & FRANCIS) 7:00PM SE ESZTER DUNLEAVY BIRTHDAY—GOD'S BLESSINGS & THANKSGIVING (GM)
THURS	15 MARCH	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	12:15PM SJ JASON CARDY—HEALING & WELLBEING (MB)
FRI	16 MARCH	OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT	11:00AM SE FUNERAL SERVICE: MICHELE BURLONE RIP 7:00PM SE DON GIUSSANI RIP (FDEF)
SAT	17 MARCH	ST PATRICK	11:00AM SE THOMAS LENNON RIP (TL & GL) 6:15PM SJ SEÁN, KATHLEEN & STEWART ADAMSON RIP (DC) 7:00PM SE MASS IN POLISH
SUN	18 MARCH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9:00AM SE GEO 17TH BIRTHDAY—THANKSGIVING & GOD'S BLESSINGS (SL) 10:00AM SJ VALERIE SALMON—HEALING & WELLBEING (PO'N) 11:00AM SE FATHER EMMANUEL RIVARA—FOUNDER OF ST EDMUND CHURCH (F) 7:00PM SE MR & MRS CUMMINGS INTENTION (F)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH WEEK 4

11 MARCH 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

Psalm Response: O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

READINGS 18 MARCH 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR B

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31—34
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7—9
 Gospel: John 12:20—30

2ND COLLECTION TODAY	2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK	
CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND	EASTER FLOWERS	

COLLECTIONS 4.3.18	1st	2nd CHURCH MAINT.
Total	£2,892.86	£283.89
Cash	1,322.10	207.01
S / O	1,256.61	61.50
Gift Aid	314.15	15.38

Thank you for your generous contributions and gift aiding. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

CONFESSION TIMES

St Joseph: Thursdays 11:45am
 Saturdays 5:45pm
St Edmund: Saturdays 11:30am